



**NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, INC.**

**ND PSC Case#: PU-15-174**

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE – COURTENAY WIND FARM**

**DATE: 4/13/2017**

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Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel Energy) provides the following update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on construction activity at the Courtenay Wind Farm. Wanzek Construction, Inc. (Wanzek) is the general contractor. Vestas American Wind Technology, Inc. (Vestas) is the Turbine Supplier. Construction management teams from Xcel Energy and Wanzek will be on-site next week. All Transmission Line work is complete. All Collection cable plowing is complete. All Turbine Component deliveries are complete. Erection is complete. Circuit energization is complete. All 100 Turbines have been energized and the Commercial Operation Date was signed on December 1, 2016. Wanzek plans to finish spring work within approximately one month of their start date. Spring work includes blading county, township, and wind farm roads, light touch up work, reclaim and cleanup, fence repair, and seeding. Seeding is planned to begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> and continue until May 12<sup>th</sup>. SWPPP will be maintained by Wanzek throughout this process after which Xcel Energy will take ownership until Notice of Termination.